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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ROK/US COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING

REF: (A) SEOUL 6680, (B) STATE 189832, (C) KELLY/STAVE TELECON

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY  
DETAIL IN CONNECTION WITH EIGHTH MINISTERIAL AND REQUESTS  
PRIORITY CONCURRENCE IN REVISED DRAFT SCHEDULE CONTAINED  
SEOUL'S 6477.

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (A), MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(MCI) CHANG STRONGLY FAVORS JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE DEDICA-  
TION OF THE UNION GAS COMPANY PLANT SEPTEMBER 29 AT CHANGWON.  
EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT REVISED SCHEDULE WILL NOT ONLY  
PROVIDE EXCELLENT FOCAL POINT FOR SECRETARY'S TOUR OF INDUS-  
TRIAL AREAS, BUT ALSO WILL RESULT IN A FAR LESS TAXING SCHED-  
ULE THAN THAT CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL DRAFT. INASMUCH AS  
DETAILED PLANNING CANNOT GO FORWARD WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON PRO-  
POSED REVISED SCHEDULE, REQUEST PRIORITY CONCURRENCE TO  
PARTICIPATION SEPTEMBER 29 PLANT DEDICATION.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY/MCI WILL  
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PROCEED WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHEDULE SUCH AS USE OF HELICOPTER  
FROM PUSAN AIRPORT TO CHANGWON WHICH CAN ONLY BE HANDLED  
LOCALLY. WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP CONVENIENCE AND COM-  
FORT OF SECRETARY IN MIND IN TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. IN  
REVISED DRAFT SCHEDULE, WORD REFRESHMENT USED IN CONNECTION  
WITH UNION GAS COMPANY PLANT OPENING WOULD OF COURSE REFER TO  
LIGHT LUNCH.

3. RESIDENT U.S. FULBRIGHT COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AND ABOUT 14 OTHER DUKE ALUMNI HAVE REQUESTED BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO GREET SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL. IF ACCEPTABLE, 0900 - 0930, OCTOBER 1, AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE OR CHOSUN HOTEL APPEARS TO OFFER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

4. QUESTION RAISED REFTEL (B) CONCERNING GIFTS HAS ARISEN AT EACH PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL AND ROKG OFFICIALS ARE FULLY AWARE OF U.S. RULES CONCERNING GIFTS. EMBOFFS BELIEVE THAT FORMAL REMINDER WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE, BUT WILL NOTE SECRETARY'S WISHES IN COURSE OF OTHER PREPARATIONS.

5. WITH REGARD TO U.S. GIFTS, PARTY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THAT IN ADDITION TO FRAMED, AUTOGRAPHED PHOTO OF SECRETARY FOR MINISTER CHANG, AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF COCKTAIL TABLE EDITIONS OF BOOKS ON U.S. ART, ARCHITECTURE, OR HISTORY WILL BE EXCELLENT PERSONAL MOMENTOS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. ROK DELEGATION WILL MATCH SIZE OF U.S. DELEGATION AND EMBOFFS BELIEVE THAT SUCH BOOKS FOR EACH OF THE 9-10 MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL KOREAN SIDE OF THE MEETING WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. ADDITIONALLY, PARTY MAY WISH TO BRING ABOUT A DOZEN SOUVENIR ITEMS SUCH AS TIE CLIPS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT PERSONNEL FOR THE VISIT SUCH AS HELICOPTER CREW AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. NO PRESENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR CALLS BY SECRETARY EXCEPT PERHAPS IF SHE WISHES TO PRESENT COPY OF HER OWN BOOKS TO PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. U.S. EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER, BENNETT, STAVE AND GREGORY WILL INCLUDE ECONOMIC OFFICER JAMES A. KLEMSTINE AND SCIATT ROBERT A. STELLA AS REQUIRED DURING DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY AND RESOURCE ACCESS QUESTIONS.

7. RECOMMEND USDOC PRESS GUIDANCE ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KOREA HIGHLIGHT MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS AND SURVEY KOREAN ECON DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT. SNEIDER

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